ARTICLE XIX - ACTION BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Imports of Atlantic Salmon
Temporary Emergency Action

In accordance with Article XIX of the GATT, the European Community has decided to take emergency action in respect of imports into the Community of Atlantic salmon from all origins and falling within sub-heading ex 03 02 1200 and ex 03 03 2200 of the Common Customs Tariff.

Under this measure, in force since 9 November 1991 and modified on 21 November 1991, release to the Community market of the above-mentioned salmon is subject to the respect of minimum prices for imported fresh or frozen Atlantic salmon. The measure does not apply to products in respect of which there is evidence of dispatch to the Community prior to the date on which the measure took effect.

Substantial imports of these products in the second half of 1991 at abnormally low prices have caused prices of commercially similar domestic products on the Community market to fall by up to 25 per cent of the average price for 1991 on our market.

This situation has caused serious difficulties for Community production and would, if maintained, aggravate the injury caused to Community producers of directly competing products.

Before putting the above-mentioned measures into effect, the Community held urgent consultations with the authorities concerned. It maintains its readiness to enter into further bilateral consultations with any country concerned by this measure.

This measure will remain in force until 29 February 1992.